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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) which lists the enclosed sixty-one (61) references; and,
3. Return prepaid postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing sixty-one (61) references that are also enclosed. A portion of the enclosed references were previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/259,194, filed March 1, 1999, which is the parent of the subject continuation-in-part application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S. C. 120. A copy of the parent application and potentially related prior art is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

With regard to Patent No. DE 3440177 A1, a German patent, and Patent No. 2-82889, a Japanese patent, each listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, Applicant notes that these two references were cited by the Examiner in the parent case hereto, specifically U.S. Application Serial No. 09/259,194. No English translation was provided by the Examiner for either reference.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, it is requested that the Commissioner charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 501423.

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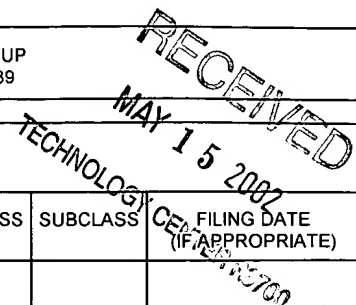
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